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Senate to hear Castro top spy

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WASHINGTON — The CIA will bring a former top Cuban spy in from the cold today to blow the lid off Fidel Castro's intelligence and terrorist operations in the U.S. and Latin America. The Post has learned.

Gerardo Peraza, a former leading operative in the top-secret DGI Cuban security force will be brought in from years of hiding to tell in public what Castro is doing secretly to undermine the U.S.

Peraza will testify for the first time, under heavy security, before the Senate subcommittee on security and international terrorism.

Committee sources told. The Post last night they are expecting Peraza to name Cuban agents now operating in the U.S. and to identify current and former ambassadors throughout the world who are actually DGI agents.

In addition, Peraza is expected to give details of the DGI structure and its methods of operation.

Peraza, described as a military counterespionage expert, has received extensive training in the Soviet Union.

He operated out of Cuba, the U.S. and the DGI center in London before defecting in the 1970s.

The CIA for years has resisted attempts by the Justice Dept. and Congress to allow their prize defector to testify, and even balked yesterday before relenting to the committee, sources said.

Peraza's testimony comes at a time when the Reagan Administration is escalating its propaganda war against Castro and is going head to head with him in El Salvador and the rest of the Caribbean basin.